



# THE RUSH TO THE Chase Trading Company FOR BARGAINS.

## PANIC AMONG

Chicago and St. Louis  
Wholesale Merchants.

Chicago, December 1.—It is quite generally believed in the United States that a history, climax and end of a panic among the merchants in New York, Chicago and St. Louis. There are various causes, currency panics, credit panics and others. At times they have deepened, at other times they have been comparatively small, caused, attended with fright, but time values are depressed to such an extent that there is soon a reaction. The present panic has been confined to the

wholesale dealers in dry goods, boots and shoes and clothing, groceries, hardware and various other brands of trade having been very little affected. During this time the money market in New York has been very easy, and the money markets of Chicago and St. Louis not at all stringent. The history is about as follows: As soon as it was a well established fact that the crops of the country were good, stocks in the hands of retailers being low, the retailers of the whole country visited the wholesale centers and bought very freely from the 15th of August to the 15th of October. Nothing in trade had ever been known to equal the demand for goods. Merchants and merchants' clerks worked all day and the greater portion of the night; good profits were obtained; they all thought good prospects were ahead and all were happy.

The merchants and the clerks longed for the time when things would get a little quiet, and they could have a chance to talk to their wives and see their children once more while awake. Many a good wife said to her husband that she did not see any use in living in this way. If money was to be made only by such sacrifices, for her part she would rather have less of it. This active trade stimulated the manufacturers of all kinds of goods to work day and night, for goods were really scarce, and they all said to their partners: "Profits are good; let us make hay while the sun shines." Country dealers all finally came to the market and bought their supplies and went home, and then set in a very dull trade, which was welcome, as the merchants and clerks wanted time to rest and fill up their stocks. They all rested and

filled up their stocks, and about the 1st of November they all got tired of resting and looking at big stocks, and their ideas of the value of goods that would not sell began to deteriorate. They sent their agents into the country to find out what was the matter, and they wrote back: "Trade is dull; the weather is too warm and pleasant; merchants have got all the goods they want." Now about this time commenced a series of failures, and the assignees and auction houses commenced to break prices. Finally the 15th of November came. Trade was still dull and the dealers in all kinds of winter goods began to reduce prices to push things, being willing to sell at cost or less, rather than take the chances of carrying over goods. About ten days ago the agents of the Chase Trading Co., both in New York and St. Louis,

urged Mr. Chase to come North, saying that goods were very cheap, but there was an uneasy feeling, and they would rather not take the responsibility of action. The writer, however, did come to see things himself, and reached St. Louis in the height of the panic, where by purchases here and telegraph orders to his agents in New York he has secured enough cheap goods at about sixty cents on the dollar to run the Chase Trading Co. until spring, all of which will be good news to the people of Fort Worth. The panic reached its height upon Tuesday and Wednesday of this week. The intervention of Thursday has restored confidence. It being Thanksgiving day, business was usually suspended, and everybody had time to compose themselves and think quietly. Friday there was a better feeling and upon

Saturday there was even still a better feeling with the jobbing merchandise markets firmer and much advanced. This panic was without any real cause. The cool weather will come, the people will buy the goods, and it will all be right. I have been told by cowboys that if they were herding a drove of cattle of a dark night and their horse should give a good shake with the saddle on, and the rider off, it would frighten one or two nervous cattle and put the whole herd into a stampede. And it is just the same way with business men. Sometimes one or two get frightened and raise a panic. While this panic is well known here to those well behind the curtain, they do not talk about it, and newspapers will not get hold of it. It is regarded as a mercantile secret.

## DALLAS.

Man Fatally Shot by Accident While Duck Hunting.

Dallas, December 7.—William Conn, 32 years, while duck-hunting today, fatally shot himself by the accidental discharge of his gun. He was shot in the chest, and died before he could be taken to the hospital. The entire burnt district of Dallas is now being rebuilt with new buildings for various businesses. The Novelty iron and boiler shops of the city are now in the machine shop, which is now on the road to New York. The establishment is in full operation by January.

is progressing rapidly on the electric light works, and expected the city will be more illuminated with electricity by new years.

city council last night adopted the 10th meridian time for the county commissioners will be the same for the county when it next meets.

Lahestein informs the GAZETTE that his turn for prosecuting the county will come in time, and that he proposes to prosecute the cotton fraud matter and the Lahestein in vindicating

city council at its meeting last passed ordinances for the paving of Main, Jefferson, Market, Austin, Poydras and Sycamore. Improvements will cost the city neighborhood of \$100,000, and completed will include fully half of the heavy business part of the city. Work will be begun

grand jury meets again next week. It is rumored that the "vigilantes" will report that they have been able to "spy" on gambling on the quiet since attorney inaugurated his

Rumor has it that a new batch of men, some of them against whom who play occasionally, but not seasonally, will be returned.

Brown Stocking base ball club today notified by letter that a new base ball park will be opened about December 20th, but the Browns and Gulf City's do the dedicating in a series of

match games. The Browns also extend their tour to New Orleans and perhaps to Mobile and Montgomery, Alabama. They will be

accompanied by quite a number of their friends.

A party of land capitalists are in the city prospecting for desirable investments. Among the number are the Earl of Aylesford and the Hon. D. Finch of England, Robt. Kennedy of Scotland, Andrew Robertson of New York city, John C. Lewis of Austin, and Mr. Denmark of Big Springs.

The walls of the building in the post-office block are badly cracked and sprung, from the great storm of Wednesday night. A steam fire engine has been busy all day pumping the water out of the basement of the flooded buildings.

W. Pearce, charged with robbery of a watch and \$15 in money from William Million, had a preliminary hearing before Justice Edwards, and was admitted to bond in the sum of \$500. Frank Saunders, charged with burglarizing a Texas & Pacific freight car, was held by the same court in the same amount of bond.

A Wood county officer to-day arrived with J. W. Trues, formerly a route agent on the Texas & Pacific railroad, charged with appropriating valuable packages and arrested in Mississippi several months ago. A similar charge being against him in Wood county, he was removed from the Dallas to the Wood county jail. He succeeded in making bond at Minnola yesterday and was ordered transferred here. He gave \$500 bond here this evening and was released.

## GALVESTON.

A Mystery Dispelled—Henzolt Shot by an Injured Husband.

Galveston, December 7.—The mystery surrounding the shooting of Richard Henzolt night before last has been dispelled. Henzolt has been paying particular court to the wife of another man, and has been warned of the consequences. Heedless of the remonstrances he has continued his attentions, and while walking with the faithless wife night before last he was confronted by the injured husband, who pulled his revolver and commenced firing upon Henzolt, only one shot taking effect in the left side, from which Henzolt is rapidly recovering. The husband of the woman has fled the town to avoid arrest and prosecution.

Support of John Copier's residence gave way this afternoon, and the rear portion fell to the ground, crushing old Jake Johnson, who was beneath the floor. The floor had to be cut away to release him. His skull was fractured, but he is not dead yet.

Judgments against J. W. Toeklas were rendered to-day in the district court in favor of La Gierse & Co. for \$15,000 and L. & H. Blum for \$5,000. Attachment liens are to be foreclosed on his property in Barnett, Duval and McLennan counties and a sale ordered.

The recently incorporated city railway will probably build a large pavilion on the beach in case the old company decides not to do so.

THE HACK DRIVER WHO DROVE A lady to Mr. Crouch's dairy, one mile south of town, last Sunday night, Dec. 3d, from the depot on the arrival of the T. & P. train, will

Best makes in the market, Weber, Pond, Rev. E. P. Hale & Co., at Max Eiser's No. 6 and Houston street.

In central portion of the city, electrical accommodations. Popular resort of commercial travelers.

mourning and sympathize with the bereaved husbands and relatives.

I said to O'Donnell: "It looks very black, O'Donnell." He answered with a

## ST. LOUIS.

A Novel Lawsuit—Prosecuting the Perpetrator of a Practical Joke—Over the Telephone.

Special to the Gazette.  
St. Louis, December 7.—People who delight in "suing" their friends through telephones and playing practical jokes over the wires will have to desist until a case in point is decided. To-day a warrant charging John Rattigan with transmitting a false message was returned to the court of criminal correction and docketed for trial in that tribunal on the 12th instant. The case is a novel one. The charge is that John Rattigan, on December 3d, did unlawfully and cunningly transmit per telephone, then and there operating in the city a certain false communication, to-wit: That three carriages were to be at once sent to the Germania club, situated in the city aforesaid, and also one carriage to be at Ninth and Hickory streets in the city aforesaid, with intent then and there to injure the owners of said carriages, contrary, etc., etc. The warrant is signed by James Halpin, principal prosecuting witness.

The law provides a punishment of \$100 or operators of any telephone line or operators in this state or any other person shall knowingly send by such telegraph line any false communication or intelligence, with intent to injure anyone or speculate in any articles of merchandise, commerce or trade, or with intent that another may do so shall knowingly send or deliver any dispatch that is forged or not authorized by the person whose name purports to be signed thereto. This is held to apply as well as to a practical joke as to a malicious message.

## JACKSON, MISS.

Outrage by a Negro on a Young White Girl—Efforts to Capture and Identify Him.

Special to the Gazette.  
Jackson, Miss., December 7.—An unknown negro committed an outrage on B. Ligon's fourteen-year-old daughter yesterday evening, one mile west of here. She was out on a pony after the cows, when the negro dragged her off and accomplished his heinous purpose. She is probably ruined for several hours. She says she thinks she could identify the negro. Several have been arrested, but as yet the right one has not been caught. No stone will be left unturned to capture him, and it is safe to say that if caught summary judgment will be dealt. The young lady is a member of a good family, and is a nice, modest girl.

## President Bishop Dead.

Bridgeport, Conn., December 7.—Rev. E. Ferris Bishop, president of the Naugatuck railroad, died at his residence this morning, aged 58 years.

Washington, December 7.—Charges that there has been a misappropriation of a portion of the \$300,000, provided by the last congress to reimburse the Cherokee nation for certain lands, have been published recently. The substance of the charges is that in the distribution of the money by ex-Congressman Phillips of Kansas, \$22,500 was retained by him, and that he stated to the Cherokee council that he retained that sum to pay two government officials for their influence in securing the appropriation. It is also alleged that Phillips, when pressed by Col. Boudinot, agent of the Cherokees in Washington, to tell the names of the officials to whom he paid the money, named Secretary Teller and Senator Dawes of Massachusetts. This charge and statement, said to have been made to Boudinot, is authoritatively denied. Phillips says he has not spoken to Boudinot in eleven years, and Commissioner of Indian Affairs Price says he knows of no deficiency in the fund in question. Col. Boudinot said to a reporter that no statement of the kind alleged to have been made to him by Phillips was ever made, but that Phillips stated to the Cherokee Nation that \$22,500 had been paid to high officials in Washington. Secretary Teller and

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## ABILENE.

Two Hearts Made Happy—The Stutz Troupe—Personal.

Special to the Gazette.

Abilene, December 7.—Mr. Turner S. Rollins, one of our enterprising young merchants, and a member of the firm of Rollins & Young, left us slyly the other evening, but his disappearance was explained this morning when he stepped from the west-bound passenger train, accompanied by his bride. Several friends were into the secret, and met the happy couple on their arrival. It was Miss Lillie Davis that made our young friend happy, and the marriage took place at Round Rock, the former home of the bride. Turner is to be congratulated upon having won so fair a life partner.

The people of Abilene gave the J. G. Stutz combination a very flattering reception last evening, East Lynne being presented to an audience of six hundred or more.

Miss Nellie Odum, a charming young lady of Round Rock, and daughter of the Hon. T. Odum, is visiting Mrs. Otto Stutz of our town, and the heart of at least one young man is made glad.

## CROOKED CHARGES

Involving High Officials, but Indignantly Denied by Them.

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Senator Dawes, who indignantly deny the statement that they ever received any portion of the money, intend to find the authors of the charges and hold them personally responsible.

## CHINESE RESTRICTION

Considered by the Pacific Coast Delegation—A New Bill to be Prepared and Presented.

Washington, December 7.—A meeting of members of congress from the Pacific coast states was held to-day. Present: Senators Dolph and Slater; Representatives George, Rosecrance, Sumner, Glasscock, Budd, Henley, Tully and Cassidy. Senator Miller presided. The object of the meeting was to secure unanimity among the Pacific coast representatives and senators in respect to legislation before this congress in the interests of the people of the Pacific coast, especially in respect to curbing the defects of the present Chinese restriction act. It was known that several members are preparing bills covering the matter, but it was felt by those calling the meeting that it would be better to have all the representatives unite upon a plan of action. The meeting discussed the evasion of the law by Chinese immigrants who are furnished certificates by the Chinese authorities entitling them to emigrate to this country as belonging to classes privileged by law, and it was finally agreed that a bill to remedy the defects of the present law be prepared and introduced simultaneously in both houses as the joint work of the Pacific coast delegation. A committee consisting of Senator Dolph and Representatives Henley and Cassidy was appointed to draw up a bill and submit it to the delegation at a meeting next week. The meeting discussed several other matters of local interest, among them the necessities of the coast in the matter of river and harbor improvements and public buildings, but the discussion was informal and subordinate to the question of Chinese restriction. Representative Cassidy, of the committee appointed, is in favor of system of passports for Chinese immigrants, to be issued by United States consuls before persons holding them go aboard vessels for the United States. This was one of the features of the twenty years reduction bill vetoed by President Arthur.

## Mackay Arrested.

Chicago, December 7.—J. W. Mackay, formerly in charge of the foreign department of N. K. Fairbanks' great lard house, was arrested to-day while attempting to negotiate at the Union National bank a draft on the Bank of London for \$12,000.

## ACACARD.

TO THE PHYSICIANS OF FORT WORTH:

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